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SUBJ: OCTOBER 17 SECURITY COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS ON

UNEF EXTENSION

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1. SECURITY COUNCIL HELD FORTHER INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS LATE OCT. 17 ON UNEF EXTENSION, AND WAS AGAIN TREATED TO SOVIET DIATRIBE ON SECRETARIAT'S PAST EXTRAVAGANCE AND NEED FOR FUTURE FRUGALITY. SOVIETS CIRCULATED DRAFT RES (PARA 3 BELOW), NOT ONLY URGING ECONOMY BUT CONTAINING SEVERAL UNACCEPTABLE ELEMENTS (NEED FOR ACHIEVEMENT WITHOUT DELAY OF RADICAL MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT, DEMAND FOR FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, ETC.). AT SESSION'S END, SC PRESIDENT (CAMEROON) SUMMED UP CONSENSUS OF CONSULTATIONS AS (A) SUPPORTING EXTENSION, (B) DESIRING MAXIMUM ECONOMY AND
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(C) CONCERNED THAT FORCE EFFICIENCY BE MAINTAINED. US REP

(BENNETT) SUGGESTED COUNCIL PRESIDENT INCORPORATE THESE ELEMENTS IN DRAFT RES OR CONSENSUS AS BASIS FOR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS. PRESIDENT AGREED. AFTER MEETING HE ASKED US TO PROVIDE HIM WITH LANGUAGE, WHICH WE HAVE DONE (PARA 4 BELOW).

2. SYG OPENED CONSULTATIONS BY BROADLY OUTLINING UNEF'S FINANCIAL SITUATION. (TEXT WILL BE OBTAINED FROM SECRETARIAT AND POUCH DEPT.). PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR, SPEAKING FOR TROOP CONTRIBUTORS, FOLLOWED WITH STATEMENT EMPHASIZING THAT GA RATHER THAN SC WAS PROPER FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF FINANCIAL MATTERS. HE DEFENDED \$500/\$150 REIMBURSEMENT FORMULA AND ARGUED THAT IT NOT FAIR TO DEDUCT COST OF EQUIPMENT TO COUNTRIES WHICH DID NOT HAVE IT. BYELORUSSIAN REP THEN SUBMITTED LENGTHY LIST OF DETAILED QUESTIONS ON COST OF EQUIPMENT, TRANSPORTATION, ETC., AND WAS ANSWERED AT EQUAL LENGTH BY USYG DAVIDSON. AMB. BENNETT SAID EXCHANGE DEMONSTRATED THAT COUNCIL RAN RISK OF GETTING BADLY MIRED IN DETAILS THAT WERE NOT ITS PROPER CONCERN. SUCH INFORMATION MIGHT BE OBTAINED DIRECTLY FROM SECRETARIAT. SC'S JOB WAS TO EXTEND MANDATE, AND IT SHOULD SET ABOUT THAT RESPONSIBILITY WITHOUT DELAY. USSR AMB. MALIK THEN DELIVERED (AND ELABORATED ON) PREPARED STATEMENT (POUCH DEPT.), GIST OF WHICH WAS THAT USSR WOULD AGREE TO UNEF EXTENSION SO LONG AS PAST OVER-EXPENDITURES WERE MADE GOOD BY FUTURE REDUCTIONS.

3. TEXT FOLLOWS OF SOVIET DRAFT RESOLUTION:

THE SECURITY COUNCIL,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTIONS 338 (1973), 340 (1973) AND 346 (1974),

HAVING EXAMINED THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE ACTIVITIES OF UNEF (S/11536),

1. TAKES NOTE OF THE OPINION OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL THAT "ALTHOUGH QUIET NOW PREVAILS IN THE EGYPT-ISRAEL SECTOR, THE OVER-ALL SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL

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FUNDAMENTALLY UNSTABLE AS LONG AS THE UNDERLYING PROBLEMS ARE UNRESOLVED", THAT IS UNTIL A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS ACHIEVED;

2. DECIDES THAT THE MANDATE OF THE EMERGENCY FORCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD BE EXTENDED FOR AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTH PERIOD, THAT IS THROUGH 24 APRIL 1975, PROCEEDING FROM THE PREMISE THAT THE EXTENSION OF THE STAY OF UNEF MUST BE

USED FOR ACHIEVING A RADICAL POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST WITHOUT DELAY;

3. REAFFIRMS THE PRINCIPLE APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL, ACCORDING TO WHICH UNEF MUST HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO FUNCTION AS AN INTEGRAL AND EFFICIENT MILITARY UNIT IN THE WHOLE AREA OF OPERATIONS;

4. NOTES THAT, DESPITE THE EFFORTS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, THE QUESTION OF ENSURING THE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT FOR THE UNEF CONTINGENTS IN THE EGYPT-ISRAEL SECTOR HAS NOT BEEN SETTLED SO FAR AND REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO CONTINUE HIS EFFORTS TO THIS END AND SUBMIT A SEPARATE REPORT ON THIS QUESTION;

5. TAKES NOTE OF THE COMMUNICATION OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL CONCERNING THE REDUCTION OF THE OVER-ALL STRENGTH OF THE UN FORCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST TO 575.0 MEN AND APPROVES OF HIS INTENTION TO MAKE ALL EFFORTS TO ENSURE THE MAXIMUM SAVINGS ON THE EXPENDITURES FOR UNEF AND ACHIEVE A FURTHER REDUCTION OF THE TROOP STRENGTH WITHOUT DETRIMENT OF ITS EFFICIENCY;

6. SUGGESTS THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL SHOULD SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO THE COUNCIL ON THE GLOBAL SUM OF EXPENDITURES FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF UNEF IN THE REDUCED STRENGTH MENTIONED IN PARA. 5 FOR THE FORTHCOMING SIX-MONTH PERIOD FROM 25 OCTOBER 1974 THROUGH 24 APRIL 1975;

7. SUGGESTS THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL SHOULD, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE, CONTINUE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE INTERESTED STATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF FURTHER STUDYING THE QUESTION OF EXPENDITURES ON THE

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MAINTENANCE OF UNEF IN THE MIDDLE EAST FOR THE PERIOD FROM 25 OCTOBER 1973 THROUGH 24 OCTOBER 1974 AND SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON THIS QUESTION.

4. TEXT FOLLOWS OF DRAFT PREPARED BY USUN WHICH, PER BUFFUM-BENNETT TELECON, WE ARE GIVING TO SC PRESIDENT AS BASIS FOR RESOLUTION OR CONSENSUS STATEMENT BY HIM:

THE SECURITY COUNCIL

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTIONS 338 (1973), 340 (1973), 341 (1973) AND 346 (1974),

NOTING FROM THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF 12 OCTOBER 1974 (S/11536) THAT IN THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES

THE OPERATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS EMERGENCY FORCE IS STILL
REQUIRED,

1. EXPRESSES ITS CONFIDENCE THAT THE FORCE WILL BE MAIN-
TAINED WITH MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY AND ECONOMY;

2. DECIDES THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION IN
PARAGRAPH 42 OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPORT OF 12 OCTOBER
1974 (S/11536), THE MANDATE OF THE UNITEDNATIONS EMERGENCY
FORCE, APPROVED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN ITS RESOLUTION
341 (1973) OF 27 OCTOBER 1973, SHALL BE EXTENDED FOR A FURTHER
PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS, THAT IS, UNTIL 24 1975.
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